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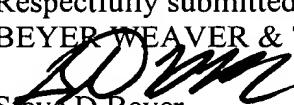
The reference listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, a copy of which is attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit this reference in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make this reference of official record in this application.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08166979 A -- A brief summary of the Japanese application is provided in the English Language Abstract of the invention included herewith.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 09319773 A -- A brief summary of the Japanese application is provided in the English Language Abstract of the invention included herewith.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 04291466 A -- A brief summary of the Japanese application is provided in the English Language Abstract of the invention included herewith.

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6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 07056970 A – A brief summary of the Japanese application is provided in the English Language Abstract of the invention included herewith.
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08036591 A – A brief summary of the Japanese application is provided in the English Language Abstract of the invention included herewith.
8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 59163665 A – A brief summary of the Japanese application is provided in the English Language Abstract of the invention included herewith.
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